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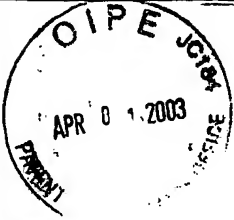
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims

Please add the following claims as indicated below:

26. (New) A sterilizer/disinfector for sterilizing or disinfecting an object, comprising:
a housing;
an ultraviolet flash light source disposed within the housing; and
a lockout mechanism to prevent light from being output from the ultraviolet flash light source when the mechanism is in a lockout state.

27. (New) The sterilizer/disinfector of claim 26, further comprising a light seal to substantially block light output from the light source from exiting the housing.

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